(d) The demands of Central Health Employees Federation (CHEF) were discussed in a meeting taken by Secretary (H&FW) on 1.8.2005. Further, these were discussed in a meeting taken by Minister of Health and Family Welfare on the same day. The progress of action taken on the Charter of Demands was discussed in a meeting taken on 11.11.2005 by Director General of Health Services (DGHS). The status of each of the items were duly intimated to the Federation.

Rotary Cancer Hospital at AIIMS

*353. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Indian Rotary Cancer Hospital at AIIMS has been delayed and is yet to become fully operational and if so, the reason therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the equipment and external services had not been planned along with the construction of the building thus contributing to the delay and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the cancer unit is likely to become fully operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Initially, the proposal for Institute Rotary Cancer Hospital (IRCH) at AIIMS was approved in 1993, at a cost of Rs. 20.00 crores. Due to increased demand for the services for Cancer patients, there was change in the scope of the project. The Revised Cost Estimate of Rs. 98.41 crores is pending approval of the Government.

The first fourfloors of the IRCH at AIIMS are, however, functional. The Civil and Electrical Works for the remaining three floors have also been completed. The remaining three floors of the Centre will become fully operational as soon as the approval is received for the Revised Cost Estimate of Rs. 98.41 crores.